

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 28, 2024

Reading Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Today's Worship Assistants: Interim Pastor: Christine Wenzel

8:45 Worship Service Volunteers:

- **Greeters:** Jim & Linda Titze
- **Ushers:** Gary Johnson, Linda Johnson, Dick Kolkmann, Ron Nelson
- **Children's Sermon:** Jenna Trenbeath
- **Reader:** Lois Larson
- **Communion Servers:** Jim Johnston, Lois Larson, Barb Weldon
- **AV Team:** Jennifer Rodgers, Bill Little

10:45 Worship Service Volunteers:

- **Ushers:** Chuck Sletten, Jim Stoops, Claire McCoy
- **Children's Sermon:** Jenna Trenbeath
- **Reader:** Lauren Renstrom
- **Communion Server:** No Communion
- **AV Team:** Jamie Manzi-Moore, Margie Hartmann, Chris Abrahamson
- **Coffee Fellowship:** Laurel Kuplic, Jody Walsh

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR PASTOR CHRISTINE!

Please join us today between services to celebrate Pastor Christine's time with CCLC.

RITE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM TODAY AT 10:45AM

Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmands: Davis Boehne, Josie Burfeind, Owen Eslinger, Finley Hove, Tiegan McGrath,Carolynn Mork, Sophie Nelson, Olivia Powers, Peyton Stevens and Stella Straka.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5TH AT 9:45AM

The Call Committee and Council have agreed on a candidate for our new pastor. Please join us to learn more about our potential pastor and to participate in a congregational vote to approve their decision.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS:

Wagner Flower pickup – Wednesday, May 8th, 3:00pm – 8:00pm
Seed and Pot fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall – Sunday, May 5th and 12th

VBS REGISTRATION - ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT

VBS will be held at CCLC from 9:00am-12:00pm, Mon. June 24th thru Thurs. June 27th. Participants and Volunteers can register online with the link in your weekly email or at cclcmn.org through May 14th.

YOUTH and FAMILY - SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, May 5th – Sunday School sings at worship
Sunday, May 12th – Last day of Sunday School and VBS Registration closes
Sunday, May 19th, 9:30am – Graduate Sunday

COMBINED CHOIR SUNDAY! Please join us for the 8:45am service on Sunday May 12th for some very special music! The Chancel Choir of Community of the Cross welcomes Oak Grove Presbyterian Adult Choir of Bloomington for a Combined Choir Sunday! Our two church choirs will join forces to sing three powerful pieces that will beautifully enhance our worship service! This happens to be Mothers' Day, so bring mom and start her day off with some lovely music!

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING:

- **Jeff Nygren**
- Micha, grandson of Margie Hartmann
- Iryna Haugo, wife of Don Haugo
- Brooks Herrboldt
- Harper Straka
- Pastor Brad Pearson, Deb Reiter, Ron Matonich, friends of Ron & Pat Nelson
- Shane B, friend of George and Marsha Gullickson
- Marvin & Phyllis Kuhlman
- Ian Ruhberg-Hendrickson, Jennie Hendrickson and Family
- Curt Peterson
- Jan Godfrey
- Elaine Thurston
- Dave Teslow
- Mark Roban, brother of Janelle Swanson

IN OUR CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR ALL CCLC HOUSEHOLDS: Rich & Carm Greenlee, George & Marsha Gullickson, Rick & Renae Gustafson, Mary Hafstead, Jody Hansen and their Families.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: For Jan Godfrey on her successful surgery and healing. She sends her thanks for all your prayers, they do make a difference!

PRAYERS OF COMFORT AND SYMPATHY: For Kristi Wobbema and family in the passing of Kristi's mother.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given by Nancy Hoehn in honor of their anniversary.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Our summer schedule of one service at 9:30am is starting very soon. We will need greeters, readers and communion assistants each week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: There are only two Sundays remaining, until our summer schedule with one service begins. We need volunteers to help with fellowship through May 19th, Please see the sign-up sheet during coffee fellowship or sign up online at <https://www.cclcmn.org/atcclc.html>

OFFERING COUNTERS: We are looking for two volunteers to count the offering each week. It would be nice to have enough volunteers that weeks could be rotated. If interested, contact Sandy Knight at volunteerministry@cclcmn.org or Kristin Walker at finance@cclcmn.org.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH LIVES WITH THE LOVE OF GOD

OASIS FOR YOUTH is our Four Core service partner for the month of April. Oasis for Youth provides services for youth ages 16-24 who are struggling with homelessness and housing stability in Bloomington, Richfield, and Edina. At their Resource Center, youth receive access to food, clothing, and hygiene products. Youth can also meet with case managers for referrals to resources for shelter, counseling, and medical assistance. Oasis for Youth relies on the generosity of CCLC and other entities to be able to fulfill its mission. Each dollar you invest makes a significant difference for our community's young people. To give, place a check in the offering with "Oasis" in the memo line.

This Week At Community of the Cross

****NO Communion at 10:45 only. 8:45 Communion as usual.****

Today is April 28, 2024-Fifth Sunday in Easter

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| | 8:45 am | Traditional Worship w / Holy Communion |
| | 9:45 am | Sunday School / Farewell Fellowship for Christine and Celebration for 2024 Confirmands / FH |
| | 9:45 am | Three Year Journey (3YJ) Rehearsal / SA |
| | 10:45 am | Contemporary Worship and Confirmation / No Holy Communion |
| Tues 4/30 | 8:45 am | Faithfully Fit |
| | 9:00 am | Men's Coffee Fellowship / MR |
| | 10:15 am | Women's Bible Study / MR |
| Wed 5/01 | 5:30 pm | Youth Choir / SA |
| | 6:30 pm | Jubilation Ringers |
| | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir |

Next Sunday is May 5, 2024-Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17

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| 8:45 am | Traditional Worship w / Holy Communion |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School / Congregational Meeting & Vote / FH |
| 9:45 am | Three Year Journey (3YJ) Rehearsal / SA |
| 10:45 am | Contemporary Worship w / Holy Communion |

GS=Gathering Space MR=Meeting room FH=Fellowship Hall 3-9=Classrooms MO=Main Offices
NX=Narthex NY=Nursery SA=Sanctuary YR=Youth Room

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